

We Claim:

1. A heat sterilized blood processing system comprising
a container,
flexible transfer tubing extending from and
5 establishing fluid flow communication with the container,
an air reservoir coupled in-line with the
flexible transfer tubing, and
the flexible transfer tubing including an air
tube extending a certain distance into the air reservoir to
10 provide an incremental air volume for the flexible transfer
tubing so that collapse of the flexible transfer tubing is
prevented during heat sterilization.
2. A heat sterilized blood processing system
according to claim 1
15 and further including an in-line filter carried
by the flexible transfer tubing between the air reservoir
and the container.